

Esperanto to be taught; easy to write and speak

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If everyone in the world could speak one neutral language, people everywhere could speak to each other as equals, Fritz said.

"Everyone of us is going to have contact with people from other countries," she said. "If we speak a neutral language, there's no one-upmanship."

Fritz's son, Peter Brown, will begin teaching an impromptu Esperanto course Thursday at 5:30 p.m. He will hold the lesson at Davinci's restaurant, 11th and G streets. Brown is a doctoral candidate in Spanish at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The class, sponsored by the Nebraska International Language Society, will run for two hours on six consecutive Thursdays. The cost to each student is \$16.

Fritz said the language is easy to

learn because the words are derived from those in existing languages. About 60 percent of the words are of English origin, she estimated.

"Tolstoy said he learned it in an hour," Fritz said, but most people probably would need several years of lessons to speak it fluently.

A working knowledge of the language comes easier, Fritz said she taught enough Esperanto to Sunday school students in 10 lessons for them to become pen pals with Esperanto-speaking children in Yugoslavia.

"If you've studied any language at all, you can probably make out some of the words," she said.

Brown said Esperanto words are easy to pronounce, so a speaker's nationality cannot be identified by accents.

Tajik delegates talk to students about soviet life

By Lee Rood
Senior Editor

About 25 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students met Friday with delegates from the Soviet Union's southern Republic of Tajikistan.

The visit to UNL was one of the Tajiks' last stops before leaving Nebraska Saturday morning. Their week-long trip included a welcome by Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris, a tour of the Nebraska Legislature, dinner at the Nebraska Indian Center and a trip to Omaha to meet Soviet immigrant Mrs. B (Rose Blumkin) of Nebraska Furniture Mart.

The delegates, representing a variety of professions in Tajik society, used translators to tell students about Tajik culture, Soviet politics and the Jan. 23 earthquake that killed more than 274 people and left 11,000 without shelter in their homeland.

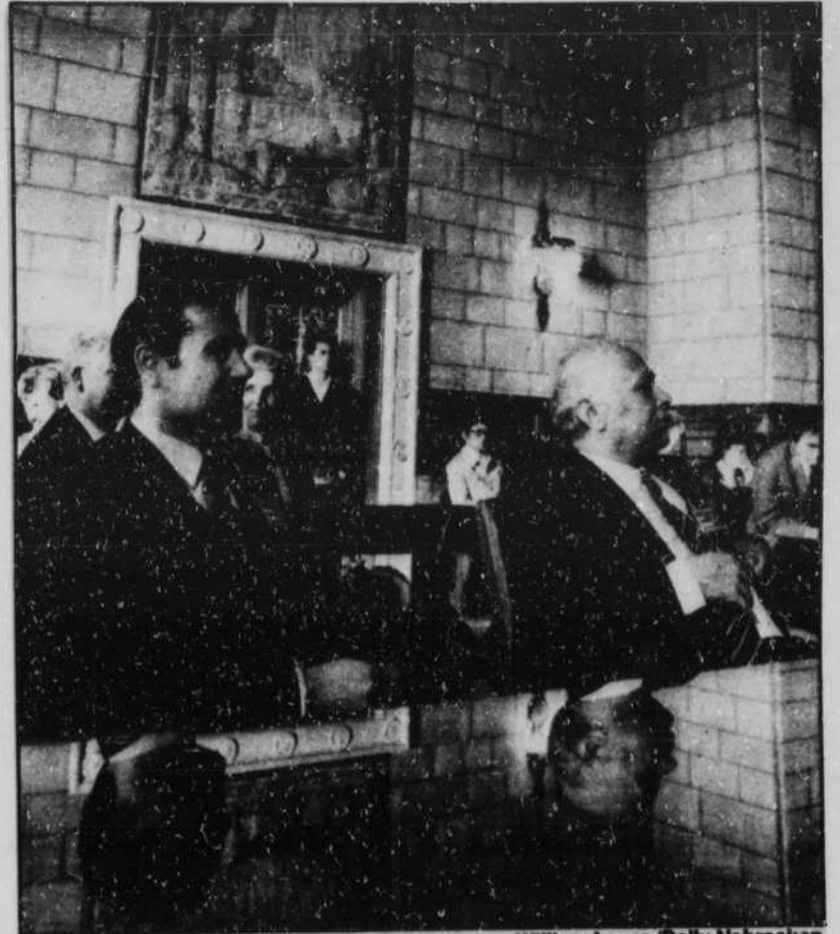
Sulton Mirzoshoev, chairman presidium of the Tajik Society for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and leader of the group, said each of the 13 delegates liked Lincoln and the United States for different reasons, but many were impressed by "the high level of technology and organizational labor."

"Even Lenin said the things you have to learn from Americans is their big head for business and technology," he said.

Mirzoshoev said "people don't get to travel just everyday from Tajikistan," but that the group's trip, sponsored by the Friendship Force of Lincoln, is the result of "new political thinking between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev."

"Coming to America, we can't solve all the problems and we don't intend to," Mirzoshoev said. "There are disagreements between the United States and the Soviet Union in politics and economics, he said, but both countries should be united in avoiding nuclear weapons."

Speaking of Soviet and American



William Lauer/Daily Nebraskan
Mahmdsaid Shamsylloev, left, and Sulton Mirzoshoev were introduced to the Nebraska Legislature Wednesday.

build-up of nuclear weapons, he said, "Whenever you overfill a glass of water, it spills... We have to destroy them."

Mirzoshoev said his people are very pleased with Soviet party leader Gorbachev, but that his "popularity is more evident in the U.S. than in the Soviet Union."

Mazabsho Mabatshoev, editor-in-chief of the newspaper "Tojikistony Sovety" in Dushambe, the capital of Tajikistan, said Gorbachev's perestroika policy "embraces the entire Soviet Union," but that people in Central Asia have their own problems.

Tajikistan, which borders Afghanistan and China, is different from the other 15 Soviet republics, he said. The Tajik people speak a lan-

guage similar to Farsi, also called Tajik. Because the official language in Tajikistan is Russian, many people feel the influence of Tajik is dying out.

Mabatshoev also said people in Tajikistan would like to have their own economy, instead of a shared Soviet economy.

"Everything that we produce that we would use is ours and everything we would sell to other republics should be paid for," he said.

People in Tajikistan are very pleased with glasnost, Mabatshoev said. In the two years that he has been editor of the newspaper, Mabatshoev said, "We have become a completely independent newspaper except for the Ministry of Defense." Even U.S. newspaper reporters do not have access to military secrets, he said.

police REPORT

Beginning midnight Friday, Feb. 3

9:08 a.m. -- Room reportedly was entered illegally, no reported loss, 236 Architecture Hall.

2:24 p.m. -- Hit-and-run accident was reported at the Abel Hall meter lot, \$350.

3:17 p.m. -- Automobile was reported vandalized in Area 2, near Sandoz Hall.

6:37 p.m. -- Burglary was reported at 424 Schramm Hall, tapes and drawings reported missing, \$106.

11:55 p.m. -- Disturbance was reported in 531 Abel Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 4

1:11 a.m. -- An intoxicated individual in Selleck Hall was taken to the Detoxification Center.

6:12 p.m. -- Two-vehicle, non-injury accident was reported in Area 3, near Harper Hall, \$350.



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